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that conveying the extended pacing signal engenders a redistribution of cardiac muscle mass.--

REMARKS

This application contains claims 1-203. Claims 25, 31-33, 36, 40-44, 73, 80-83, 86, 90-94 and 99 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. Claims 100-203 have been added. New claims 100-149 are precisely parallel in language to original claims 25-48, which originally depended from any of claims 1-24. Claims 25-48 as amended now depend from claim 1, while new claims 100-124 depend from claim 16, and new claims 125-149 depend from claim 23. Similarly, new claims 150-203 are precisely parallel in language to old claims 73-99, which originally depended from any of claims 49-72. Claims 73-99 as amended now depend from claim 71, while new claims 150-176 depend from claim 49, and new claims 177-203 depend from claim 64. Thus, no new matter has been added, and the scope of the claims as amended is no greater than that of the original claims as filed.

In view of the favorable International Preliminary Examination Report received in the international application to which this case corresponds, a prompt notice of allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

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